

Leading change together

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Program

Day one – Thursday 12 September

9:30am	Introduction and welcome Kim Skubris , MC
9:40am	Welcome to Country Kerry Neill is a Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi man from the Sunshine Coast region in South East Queensland.
10:00am	Leading change together Mark Henley will give context to the conference and why leading together is so important for social change and why this is a key plank of the work QCOSS is doing.
10:10am	Keynote address – Mariam Issa Speaker, Author, Storyteller, Community Builder. Mariam passionately believes all we need in overcoming adversity is a stretch of the imagination.
11:00am	Morning tea
11:30am	Self-determination for our First Nations People A panel discussion about the Uluru Statement from the Heart and where to from here. Jackie Huggins , National Congress of Australia's First Nation Peoples; Eddie Synot , Griffith University; Chris Sarra , Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
12:45pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Concurrent sessions
	Rebooting the system – measuring the success of change How do we measure the impact of systems change to support outcomes for people? Tim Reddel, Professor, Social Solutions with the Institute of Social Science Research, University of Queensland; Allan Dale , The Cairns Institute, James Cook University; Geoff Woolcock , Institute for Resilient Regions, University of South Queensland.

Being in service – impacts of a rights-based framework

With the introduction of the Human Rights Act in Queensland a panel explores the impacts of a rights-based framework for the community service sector. [Scott McDougall](#), Queensland Human Rights Commissioner; [David Moody](#), National Disability Services; the Human Rights Law Centre share their expectations and experiences; Hugh de Kretser, Human Rights Law Centre; [Simone Jackson](#), Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Starting a revolution – including the voices of people with lived experience in our work

People's stories are critical to successful campaigns and in the design of services. How can we do this well and respectfully? [Kym Goodes](#), TasCOSS; [Jayden Oxtan-White](#), Anti-Poverty Network Queensland; Andrew Keenan, Life Without Barriers; [David Spriggs](#), Infoxchange.

2:45pm **Afternoon tea**

3:15pm **Concurrent sessions**

Rebooting the system – Advocating successfully for change

To reboot the system we need to understand how to advocate successfully for change. This will be a quick and dirty 90-minute trip into the world of advocacy – leave with tools, ideas and a better understanding of the process of using advocacy to make real change. [Caterina Giorgi](#), Managing Director of For Purpose will take you through the key points of advocacy in an informative, interesting and entertaining session.

Being in service – transitioning services to community-controlled organisations

How can we support First Nations people and organisations to lead and guide service delivery in their communities? [Mick Gooda](#), Co-chair First Children and Families Board and First Nations Advisor, Department of Housing and Public Works; and others to be confirmed.

Starting a revolution – the real deal on community change

Community change can take many forms. So what can successful community change look like and how do you achieve it in your own community? This panel will speak from experience about their community change process, what they have learned along the way and what they would do differently next time. [Sean Gordon](#), Empowered Communities; Department of Social Services and Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors will speak about place-based approaches; Danielle Roderick, The Hive Mt Druitt.

4:45pm **End of day one conference program**

6:00pm **QCOSS 60th Anniversary Dinner**

Welcome to Country

[Lyndon Davis](#) is a Traditional Custodian and representative of the Local Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi people. In 1997 he founded the Gubbi Gubbi Dance Troupe.

Day two – Friday 13 September

9:30am Leading change together takes a shared understanding, strong relationships and a commitment to personal leadership. In 2018 QCOSS began a *Movement for change* and committed to taking that movement to communities throughout Queensland. We have now been to 11 communities – seeking peoples' thoughts and ideas to create communities where everyone contributes, matters and belongs. What are the common themes and how can we act on them? The first two sessions on Friday will focus on what we have learnt; build your knowledge of participatory practice; and move towards actions we can take on to make change to our systems, sector and communities.

10:30am **Morning tea**

11:00am Our exploration into creating a community where everyone contributes, matters and belongs continues.

12:30pm **Lunch**

1:15pm **Looking towards the future**

What are the critical considerations for social change we should think about as we move forward? What does the future hold for First Nations People? and How do we re imagine the future and make that imagining a reality? This will be an inspiring and fitting end to the conference as this panel explores what the future may look like and how we each have a role to play in making that happen. [David Ritter](#), Greenpeace Australia Pacific will talk about Australia reMADE; Dr Marcus Bussey, University of Southern Queensland; and [Rob Carolane](#), Voices for Indi.

2:30pm **Conference wrap-up**